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DR. SUDHAKAR JAMKHANDI SELECTED AS “FULBRIGHT SPECIALIST FOR INTERNATIONALIZING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY”

(Bluefield)—Dr. Sudhakar Jamkhandi, Coordinator/Office of International Initiatives and Professor of English/Bluefield State College, has been selected as a “Fulbright Specialist in Internationalizing Institutional Capacity” by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State, and the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), a division of the Institute of International Education. Dr. Jamkhandi will be considered as a potential match for overseas institutions seeking Fulbright Specialists in his area of expertise.

“The Fulbright Specialist Program will allow me to engage in U.S. foreign policy initiatives of promoting peace, mutual harmony and friendships through capacity building projects for U.S. and non-U.S. institutions worldwide,” Jamkhandi noted. Bluefield State College has seen its international population grow to approximately 75 students from nearly 20 countries as a result of the welcoming attitude of the campus family.

“We have broadened our area studies by adding several more critical world languages such as Arabic, Kiswahili, Russian, and Wolof and study abroad opportunities for our students,” he added. During the past year, BSC also welcomed Fulbright Scholar in Residence Dr. Sergey Zhigulev of Kostroma State University, who taught Russian, People’s History of 20th Century Russia, and Psyche of Communist Russia.

In the coming year, the School of Nursing and Allied Health will host Fulbright Scholar in Residence Dr. Tabeah Freeman, Dean of the Medical College at the University of Liberia who will teach tropical diseases and their treatment, emergency healthcare preparedness, and public health administration. Institutional partnerships between Bluefield State College, Kostroma State University, and the University of Liberia are in the offing to support study abroad, faculty exchanges, and possibly international student recruitment.

“Collaboration and cooperation are essential to these program activities. The nurturing atmosphere and environment of Bluefield State College, West Virginia, and southwest Virginia are responsible for my being approved as a Fulbright Specialist in Institutional Capacity Building in International Education,” Jamkhandi said.

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